

Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for 4 years. Over the 9 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges. Additionally, Kyle has held several leadership positions, serving as quarter master, historian, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide. Kyle also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Arrow of Light Award, the God and Country Award, and Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Kyle painted the playground at the Buckner Elementary School in Buckner, Missouri. Additionally, Kyle painted two four squares, basketball lanes and playground signs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Alan Brennecke for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO DONA
ZACZKIEWICZ, THE DELAWARE
WOMEN IN BUSINESS ADVOCATE
OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dona Zaczekiewicz, winner of Delaware Women in Business Advocate of the Year Award. She is given this honor as president of Dona Z Consulting.

As you know, advocates for women in business have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through her work, Dona has distinguished herself and many other women business owners in Delaware's small business community.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's women owned businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Ms. Zaczekiewicz further confirms my belief.

Dona Zaczekiewicz's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the business community have placed Dona Z Consulting in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and I look forward to Ms. Zaczekiewicz's continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. MARK LUPPI,
WINNER OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
REGION AND DELAWARE FINANCIAL
SERVICE ADVOCATE
AWARD

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mark Luppi—winner of the Mid-Atlantic and Delaware Financial Service Advocate Award. Mr. Luppi earned this recognition through his work as Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank.

Mr. Luppi focuses his advocacy efforts on growth and small business leadership. In just a short time after expanding into Delaware, Citizens Bank financed 59 loans to Delaware small businesses. As you know, advocates for small business have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country. Recognition of Mr. Luppi further confirms my belief.

Mr. Luppi's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the community have placed Citizens Bank and many small businesses in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend him on his receipt of this award and I look forward to Mr. Luppi's continued success.

RECOGNIZING ALFRED HERRERA

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great educator with a humble and caring heart, Mr. Alfred Herrera, for his commitment to students.

Mr. Herrera has a remarkable record helping underrepresented, first generation, and low-income students gain access to a college education. As the Director of UCLA's Community College Partnership Program, Mr. Herrera understands the importance of reaching out to students in community colleges who face many challenges in their pursuit of a four-year college education. He prepares students with the information and counsel that will allow them to make a successful transition from a community college to a four-year university and provides guidance for future opportunities.

Mr. Herrera's commitment to students and their academic success is unwavering; he goes far and beyond the call of duty to ensure access and opportunity for students. He has played a significant role in nurturing and providing a highly accelerated learning environment for students of diverse backgrounds.

But his commitment to educational opportunities for all students is exemplified by his work in promoting the passage and implementation of AB540, a California law that allows undocumented students an opportunity to participate in California's public higher education institutions by allowing them to pay in-state tuition rates.

I am honored to call him my dear friend. I commend him for his vision and dedication to create and extend learning opportunities for those least able to access it.

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE WEEK

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the tremendous contribution landscape architects make to the scenic beauty of the United States. Last week marked National Landscape Architecture Week. I would like to thank the industry and the American Society of Landscape Architects for all they do to improve our beautiful country.

Landscape architects play a special role in creating the places in which we live, work, and play. They are dedicated to promoting the careful stewardship, planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments. The work of landscape architects reflects the variety and breadth of the profession, from the design of residential and commercial developments, office building sites, and public parks, to public sector comprehensive planning, environmental planning, and town planning.

Though National Landscape Architects Week has passed, I urge all Americans to consider and recognize the many contributions made by landscape architects.

BUDD AND SYLVIA MIZDAIL CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 50th wedding anniversary of my friends Budd and Sylvia Mizdail of Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania. Their family and friends will honor them with a party on May 3, 2003, at St. Mary's Church in Mocanaqua, the same church where they were married on May 2, 1953.

They are the proud parents of two children: John, of Emmaus; and Brenda, of Plymouth Meeting; and the proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

Both of the Mizdails have given generously of their time over the years to their church, including running the church picnics for several years. They are retired from the Borden plant in Berwick, where he worked as a laboratory technician and she worked as a secretary.

She is the Democratic chairwoman for the Second District in Luzerne County and a 20-year member of the Greater Nanticoke Area School Board. She has been president of the school board for approximately 10 years and is secretary of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 board, of which she has been a member for 11 years. She also continues to be involved with the Conyngham Township Democratic Committee, of which she is a past chair.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the 50th wedding anniversary of Budd and Sylvia Mizdail, and I wish them and their family all the best.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. OLAKUNLE OLUDINA, A WINNER OF THE DELAWARE MINORITY BUSINESS ADVOCATE AWARD

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Olakunle Oludina, winner of the Delaware Minority Business Advocate Award. Ms. Oludina earned this honor through her work at the YMCA of New Castle County.

As you know, advocates for minorities in business have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. In her work, Olakunle Oludina develops and implements training and education programs for entrepreneurs, thus helping to energize Delaware's small business community.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's minority run organizations to be amongst the very best in the country, and recognition of Ms. Oludina further confirms my belief.

Olakunle Oludina's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the community have placed the YMCA of New Castle County in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and I look forward to Ms. Oludina's continued success.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN FOR ITS HANDLING OF SARS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Taiwan for its efforts in effectively addressing the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Taiwan has done an admirable job of dealing with this new, global, and fatal disease.

Taiwan's response to SARS has far outpaced many of its neighbors in that region of the world. It has been forthright about the problem and has worked with the international community to stem the spread of this deadly disease.

Quoting Dr. Scott Dowell, Director of the International Emerging Infections Program in Thailand, Center for Disease and Control and Prevention, "the health authorities in Taiwan were taking unprecedented measures to respond to the outbreak, and we thought that they were doing a very good job. . . . They were quite capable in doing that in Taiwan, and we were encouraged by the lack of transmission to healthcare workers during the first weeks we were there."

Even more remarkable is that Taiwan has responded so effectively to this global problem without being a member of the World Health Organization (WHO). Because of its lack of statehood, Taiwan, home to nearly 24 million people, has been denied membership status in the organization. This made it even more difficult for health experts to gather important information about SARS on the island and highlights the need for Taiwan to receive observer status at the WHO.

In a relatively short period of time, SARS has shown that it knows no borders. When infecting people, this disease does not stop at man-made borders. Thus, I would call on the World Health Organization and its members to grant observer status to Taiwan so that they can be properly integrated into the global health network. The SARS outbreak is a stark reminder of the importance of working with the entire international community in finding solutions to global problems like the spread of disease. Failing to do so prolongs the problem and puts more people at risk.

Mr. Speaker, the leaders of Taiwan have worked hard on their own and with the international community to detect and treat SARS. As such, its leaders are worthy of receiving our recognition today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEGALL FAMILY IN CORINTH, TX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere congratulations to the Stegall Family in Corinth, Texas and their entire staff at the American Eagle Harley-Davidson/Buell Dealership. They celebrate one year of successful sales and customer service in the Denton County area with a team of dedicated and diligent employees.

The community of motorcyclist enthusiasts in North Texas are also to be commended for supporting local businesses, contributing to the success of American Eagle. This developing relationship not only benefits the motorcycle industry, it also cultivates the economy of Denton County, which continues to develop with the expansion of commerce across North Texas.

Once more, I articulate my best wishes to American Eagle. May their efforts continue to be rewarded.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this first day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to honor our Nation's Asian Pacific American community. This month marks the 25th year that our nation has rightly recognized and celebrated the many contributions and achievements of Asian Pacific Americans.

Mr. Speaker, America draws its strength from its tremendous diversity. The Asian Pacific American community is one of the fastest growing segments of the United States with over 12.5 million people. We have greatly enriched the American landscape, and I am honored to take part in Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by celebrating the many achievements of APAs in American history.

Asian Pacific Americans have made tremendous advances in countless fields such as, politics, medicine, technology, business, music, literature, film, athletics, and agri-

culture. APAs helped build the Transcontinental Railroad and develop the Internet, and APAs have served honorably to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War through today. And, as I speak today, an Asian Pacific American astronaut, Edward Lu, is stationed aboard the International Space Station. As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I am proud to recognize these achievements.

The Asian Pacific American community has made these achievements despite the obstacles of past discriminatory laws, such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the Alien Law Act of 1920, and the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Like so many other segments of America, the APA community has thrived in the face of opposition.

While Asian Pacific Americans as a whole have flourished in the United States, there are still challenges facing certain segments of the APA community today. Many immigrants, refugees, and particular ethnic groups, including Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders, are still working to achieve the American dream. We must not forget those who are struggling to overcome obstacles, including language and cultural barriers, as well as the discrimination that still exists today.

Mr. Speaker, the Asian Pacific American community is itself a diverse group of people with distinct languages and cultures. Therefore, I cannot stress enough the importance of improving our data collection on APAs. Today, Government data tends to lump various Asian Pacific Americans together in a single category. Better data will allow us to recognize the diversity and distinct cultures of the many communities that make up the Asian Pacific American community as a whole. This knowledge will allow the United States to better address the different needs of what is a very diverse community; so that all Americans have the same opportunity to attain the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to encourage Congress and the American people to spend the month of May learning about the legacy, culture, rich traditions, and achievements of the Asian Pacific American Community.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SALLY HAWKINS, WINNER OF THE DELAWARE SMALL BUSINESS JOURNALIST AWARD

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Sally Hawkins- winner of the Delaware Small Business Journalist Award. Ms. Hawkins earned this honor through her work as owner and President of the WILM-AM radio station.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through her work, Sally has distinguished herself as an outstanding leader in small business and journalism.